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**SOUTH LA SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GATHER AT SANTA MONICA BEACH TO COMMEMORATE A PIONEERING SURFER'S LEGACY**

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 30, 2013, 9:00 a.m. arrivals and check in; 10 a.m. -1 p.m. free surf lessons provided by Black Surfers Collective and the Surf Bus Foundation; 11:30 a.m. presentation by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

**WHERE:** Santa Monica Beach, Bay Street/Ocean Front Walk.

**WHO:** Heal the Bay, the Black Surfers Collective, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' office, the Santa Monica Conservancy, Watts/Willowbrook Boys and Girls Club

**WHAT:** A celebration of the life and pioneering spirit of Nick Gabaldón (1927–1951), the first documented surfer of African American and Mexican descent. The day will include a day of surf lessons and activities for all ages. Nick Gabaldón Day will also bring to life the heritage of the historic African American beach site at Bay Street – referred to as the “Inkwell” during the Jim Crow era – a Santa Monica beach spot frequented by Gabaldón,

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